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Latest War Bulletin

EL PASO, TEXAS, THURSDAY, JUNE 22 (4:15 P. M.)—THE VERY LATEST NEWS CONCERNING THE UNITED STATES-MEXICAN WAR SITUATION WAS RECEIVED BY THE SNYDER SIGNAL AT 4:15 THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

THE REPORT SAYS:

"EVERYTHING IS QUIET HERE TODAY AND THE CITY OF EL PASO IS BEING EVACUATED BY THE MEXICAN SOLDIERS. THE AMERICAN ARMY IS EXPECTED TO PEACEFULLY OCCUPY THE CITY OF EL PASO AT ONCE.

A LITTLE CLASH OCCURRED IN THE INTERMOUNTAIN LAST NIGHT. IT IS AN ESTABLISHED RULE THAT IMMEDIATE WAR IS INEVITABLE.

THERE IS NO IMMEDIATE DANGER IN THE CITY OF EL PASO AND EVERYTHING LOOKS GOOD.

A COMPLETE OCCUPATION OF THE COUNTRY BY THE UNITED STATES TROOPS WILL FOLLOW.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

The city council of the city of Snyder met in regular session June 23, with Mayor R. L. Henry present and presiding. The following city officials were present: City Marshal, O. F. Wolfe, City Secretary, A. Johnston, and aldermen, H. G. Towle, H. E. Cox, J. W. Massey, E. H. Huggins, J. I. Taylor, and J. J. Barnett.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Balances in the General fund from last meeting \$101.03.

Receipts:
Gen. Johnson Auto permit \$1.00
Francis Harris auto permit \$1.00
Bertie Thompson auto permit \$1.00
Addison Castevens auto permit \$1.00
Total receipts \$4.00
Total to general fund \$105.03
Disbursements as follows:
R. L. Howell, Mayor \$2.00
J. J. Barnett, alderman \$2.00
W. J. Taylor, alderman \$2.00
A. Johnston, secretary \$12.50
J. W. Massey, alderman \$2.00
E. H. Huggins, alderman \$2.00
H. E. Cox, alderman \$2.00
H. G. Towle, alderman \$2.00
O. F. Wolfe, officer \$55.00
H. M. Hodges, street work \$6.47
W. A. Temple, street work \$17.50
S. O. Chapman, street work \$24.00
W. L. Shaw, work and sup. \$4.69
H. E. Roney, visit small box \$2.00
Blackard Bros. chairs, etc. \$5.00
J. A. Tucker, work and sup. \$3.50
J. A. Tucker, supplies \$1.25
Max-Cook Co. supplies \$2.55
O. F. Wolfe, Board prisoners \$9.75
Thompson Drug Co. medicine \$7.50
A. Johnston, storage, etc pump \$7.17
Total disbursements \$181.19
Balances on hand in the general fund \$123.39

Mr. Chambers appeared before the council and asked for water connection with the city water works. Referred to the water and sewer committee.

Resolution made and seconded that the report of the auditor committee made at the last regular meeting, whereby they recommended that a fee of \$15.00 be collected for the use of the auditor during the Chamberlain meeting be received and that the Mayor be instructed to collect same and that the committee be discharged. Vote being taken Mayor declared it carried.

S. P. BROOKS AND DANIEL E. GARRET

Wednesday was the date for the coming to Snyder of Dr. S. P. Brooks of Waco, a candidate for United States Senator. Quite a bunch of citizens were on hand when the east bound Santa Fe came and met Dr. Brooks and Judge Daniel E. Garrett, of Houston, candidate for Congress from the State at Large.

By 2:30 p. m. a large crowd of people had gathered in the District Court room. Judge M. E. Rosser, introduced Judge Garrett who spoke but a short while. He spoke of his services as Congressman, when a member of Congress. He said when he was elected in 1912 he used his time and energies. He refused to quit his post of duty to come home and campaign for re-election and he was defeated. He feels that he did right and has never regretted it. He says when a Congressman comes home, leaving his job to be re-elected, he ought to leave his salary in the treasury. He doesn't promise many things, but will help in everything that looks good. Nobody has ever challenged one of his votes in Congress.

Judge Rosser then introduced Dr. Brooks as a man who, by his own efforts has gone from the surroundings of a poor farmer boy in Johnson county to the presidency of one of the leading colleges of Texas and has made good at every point in his life. Dr. Brooks was already known to many of our people and was given a cordial welcome.

He modestly reviewed some of the early struggles in his Johnson county home and pointed to his record as president of Baylor University.

He is a man of responsibility, as an educator and his life is clean and above reproach. He has a clear vision of the science of politics. He would conduct the political affairs of the country on the higher lines of justice and right. He favors a mercantile marine sufficient to meet the needs of ocean traffic. He opposes the constant increase of the Federal Pension budget. He has faith that President Wilson will safely conduct the ship of state for the material and moral betterment of the world. He favors two new Cabinet Departments, a department of Health and a department of Education.

He favors a National Marketing system so that the people may know each day what the conditions may be. He maintains a clear knowledge of statesmanship, but there is not a tinge of the demagogue in any of his utterances.

He is in favor of Nationalism, Constitutional prohibition of the liquor traffic. He would have such a constitutional amendment submitted for ratification to the voters of each State, instead of to the several state legislatures.

The speech has been generally complimented by people who heard it. Dr. Brooks and Judge Garrett left early in the evening for Sweetwater, where they were billed to speak Wednesday night.

Girl's Auxiliary.

The girls met Mrs. C. R. Lockhart their leader at the Baptist Church Tuesday afternoon at 6 o'clock. The crowd having gathered we went in the creek after playing several games we spread our lunches together and enjoyed ourselves very much. Having finished our lunch we adjourned to meet again Monday, June 25 at the Baptist church at five o'clock.

A Bad Mexican.

A rattle-snake Mexican got on high gear here last Saturday evening and was pulling of stunts that were unbefitting in a community north of the Rio Grande and City Marshal Wolfe very promptly appeared on the scene and took the lead in the performance and now if Carranza and Villa want their warrior they will have to apply to the Scurry county jailer or wait till our courts get through with him.

Mr. George Halston was in town Wednesday from Arah.

Difficulties American Troops Must Encounter in Mexico



BATTLE IS FOUGHT BELOW BORDER

El Paso, June 21.—A detachment of American cavalry clashed with Carranza forces at Carrizal, about 80 miles south of El Paso early today, both sides suffering heavy casualties, according to unofficial reports received by Mexican military authorities in Juarez tonight.

According to the report which the Mexican authorities are investigating 10 Americans were killed by machine gun fire in surprise attack. The Mexicans casualties were said not to have been so heavy but General Villa Diaz is named as being among the Mexicans dead.

The American mounted is said to have been part of a scouting party from Guzman, returning to General Pershing's line of communication. Carrizal, named as the place of the encounter, is about nine miles southeast of Villa Ahumada, the Mexican field base in northern Chihuahua.

Later General Francisco Gonzalez, Mexican commander at Juarez, gave out a statement in which he announced officially that the Mexican command had taken seventeen American prisoners. He also said that General Gonzalez's death had been confirmed but said he had no official report as to the number of casualties on either side.

Naval Forces Ready.

The navy department has ordered the tender Panther and six torpedo boat destroyers of the Atlantic fleet from Santo Domingo to Key West. This fleet, comprising two divisions of the torpedo boat flotilla, will be held in readiness at Key West for any service in Mexican waters for which they may be called.

The navy department also ordered the cruiser Dolphin, flagship of Rear Admiral Caperton, of the cruiser squadron from Santo Domingo to Guantanamo, where it will be available to respond to an immediate call. There are four vessels of the Atlantic fleet in Mexican waters, navy department officials said. The Machias and Marietta are at Tampico, the Nebraska is at Vera Cruz and the Wheeling is at 23 Carmen.

The navy department announced this afternoon that additional ships would be sent to the west coast and east coast of Mexico.

A Visiting Preacher.

Rev. W. R. Chandler of Marlow Oklahoma, preached last Sunday and Sunday night at First Baptist church in Snyder. He is a forceful pleasing pulpit speaker and is a consecrated Christian minister. He expressed quite a favorable impression of Snyder and our people.

OPEN MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

As previously announced, an open meeting of the city council will be held at the city park auditorium next Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock, to which all the citizens, especially the ladies, are cordially invited to attend.

Secretary Tom F. Hodges of the Sweetwater Chamber of Commerce will arrive here Tuesday afternoon in an automobile, accompanied by Judge H. A. Haglund of that city, who will be the principal speaker at the evening, explaining his remarks mainly in civic improvement and in the continuous form of government.

Let's turn out on mass and hear this distinguished gentleman on the very live subject annexed him.

DON'T MISS OPEN MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Many individuals in Snyder are urged to be present and hear Judge H. A. Haglund at the City Park Auditorium next Tuesday night. This is a matter that should interest every taxpayer and all progressive men and women of Snyder county.

Don't sit down and wait until too late to air your opinion but be on hand promptly at the time specified.

The city council and the Snyder Chamber of Commerce are anxious that every person in Snyder attend this meeting.

Nothing Doing.

The report regarding local Mexican purchasing guns and ammunition in Snyder recently seems to be entirely without foundation, as none of the local merchants filled orders as per the report.

First Car of Snyder Wheat.

Mr. H. R. Wilson shipped out his first car of 1916 wheat Thursday. It grades No. 2 and he paid 94 1/2 cents a bushel. The shipment was 950 bushels. The first shipment last year was on June 28. The price is five cents better this year than last but quality probably not so good. Mr. Winston says there is about 40 per cent less wheat on the market than last year.

A. Johnston, F. I. Townsend, H. F. Womack and E. M. Blair, will leave tomorrow for Galveston to attend a business session of the Farmers Union.

Mr. R. J. Woodard of Coleman county is the guest of his brother A. N. Woodard.

Mr. R. P. Wellborn returned Wednesday from a business trip of a month in Arkansas.

HON. R. L. HENRY SPEAKS IN SNYDER

Congressman R. L. Henry of Waco, candidate for United States Senator, addressed a good sized crowd of voters at the court house in Snyder last Saturday afternoon. He was introduced by Mr. F. I. Townsend, one of our most prominent workers in the Farmers Union.

Mr. Townsend told of the good work done in congress by Mr. Henry in the interest of the cotton planters of the south in general and the farmers of Texas in particular.

Mr. Henry started out by giving a short sketch of his early life in Texas, following his career up to and including his 20 years in the congress of the United States.

He has been in position to study the condition of the farmers in Texas and when the cotton crop of 1914 had to be dumped on the market at 6 or 7 cents, he began to study the reasons. He found the money centers, the spinners, the speculators and the gamblers reveling in the ruin of the farmers and he set himself to the work of relief.

He found the government put up the necessary funds to hold the stock markets steady and he introduced a bill to place \$30,000,000 in reach of the farmers to be loaned on cotton at a low rate of interest. He met with scoffs and jeers, but he continued to push his measure. If the government could come to the rescue of stock brokers, it ought to furnish relief in time of distress to the cotton farmers.

He declared himself in line with the democracy on financial legislation. He is in complete harmony with Wilson's foreign policies and stands four square for the additional tariff on all points of foreign and domestic activity. He says Mr. Culler should not be re-elected to the senate because he is physically unfit.

He charges that Brooks has been made leader and that Culler is not a democrat and ought to be lined up with the stock market speculators.

He considers that the vital issue is between himself and Speaker Camp, left and while here he urged Mr. Campbell the following challenge for a series of joint discussions.

Snyder, Texas 8:17, 1916
Hon. Thomas M. Campbell,
President, Texas.

Indisputably you are now facing a bitterly established as the candidate of the anti-alcohol league, with the national prohibition amendment as your chief issue, which is being opposed by me. I invite you to engage in two joint discussions, the details to be arranged later.

And since you antagonized my nation relief bill, introduced by Congress during the year 1914, and opposed the plan of rural credit urged by me, it is plain that there are radical differences between us that should be presented in joint discussions. I hope that you will agree to this suggestion in order that I may thus present my views and you may defend your position in regard to the San Antonio platform and explain, if you can, your attitude against my plan for relieving the cotton growers and establishing a rural credit law.

I will appreciate an early reply.
R. L. HENRY.

Mr. Henry left after speaking for Sweetwater accompanied by Mr. J. A. Spiller and was in speech three Saturday night.

Up-to-Date Glimmer.

Work is going right along on the new Fuller Company gin, being built on the old livery stable lot north of the square. The machinery is now on the way and Mr. Fuller says it will be the best equipped gin in West Texas. There will be five 80-saw gins and they will provide for a reserve power and be prepared for an increase of capacity at any time in future.

E. J. D. Hallman was here Wednesday from Pecos and heard Dr. Brooks' speech.

WILSON AND MARSHALL HEAD TICKET

The National Democratic Convention in St. Louis has done well. Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey and Thomas Riley Marshall of Indiana for President and Vice President of the United States.

These nominations were by acclamation. The platform bristles with Americanism throughout. The achievements of three years of the democratic administration are outlined showing the most extensive and beneficial record of legislative enactments ever recorded in the same period of time by any administration.

Wilson's constructive humane and uniformly wise and just course is fully approved and his renomination and the prevailing harmony in the party are a guarantee of a sane, sound and far-reaching continuance of national enactments for the progress and prosperity of the country with a guarantee of equal rights to all men. The platform congratulates the country on keeping out of wars, refraining alliances and this condition is attributed to President Wilson's wisdom and firmness supported by a loyal congress and a patriotic people.

The only question that caused any sort of a ripple on the harmonious waters was the equal suffrage plank. Gov. Ferguson of Texas made a strong fight to keep out an expression on that question, but the minority report was defeated by a tremendous vote.

The suffrage plank finally adopted recommends provisions, state by state for giving the voting franchise to women the same as to men.

This provision preserves the principle of state sovereignty, and it is not going to be an suffragette want-of.

For more than a year this country has been troubled with such and such of foreign nations going about making seeds of discord and seeking to embarrass the United States in its attitude of neutrality and while the platform recognized foreign born citizens and those of foreign extraction as good American citizens a strong stand is made against foreign meddling.

The president's suggestion for a plank on Americanism was incorporated in the platform. The declaration is strong in its insistence on which-hearted support of the government by all citizens. It is understood that all parties are called upon to secure political support from any organization of foreign-born citizens which endeavor to influence this government's policy in international affairs. Confidence is expressed in the great body of citizens, and "America first" is emphasized as the creed of all.

The platform points out that the administration has avoided war, and at the same time has preserved American rights and secured certain guarantees of freedom of intercourse with other nations.

The policy of the administration with respect to weaker nations is upheld. It is pointed out that the policy of this government is and should be to refrain from interference in the extreme cases, and at the same time to assist them to become progressive.

The platform declares in favor of keeping the troops in Mexico long enough to insure against further uprisings which might endanger American territory.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Geo. P. Ryne and wife to J. S. Curtis, lot 1 in block 29, town of Snyder, \$350.

W. W. Davis and wife to Martha Brown, lots 1 and 3 in block 22, Blankenship addition to Snyder, \$3,000.

W. W. Echols and wife to Lee Tins, northeast quarter of section 94, in block No. 2, H. & T. C. survey, \$2,400.

J. R. Kinney and wife to A. V. Wade 190 acres out of section 227, survey 2, H. & T. C., \$2200.